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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/CH00/00351

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

13 July 1999 and 31 January 2000

TITLE OF INVENTION

TWO-PART PLASTIC SNAP HINGE CLOSURE

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:
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  - Form PCT/IB/304
  - Form PCT/IB/308
  - Form PCT/ISA/210 (English language version, 3 pages)
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CALCULATIONS

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17. The following fees are submitted:

**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):**

Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$ 890.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) ..... \$ 710.00

No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)  
but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... \$ 740.00Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor  
international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$ 1,040.00International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and  
all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... \$ 100.00**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**

\$ 890.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from  
the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

CLAIMS

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RATE

Total claims

\* - 20 =

X \$18.00

Independent claims

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X \$84.00

MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)

+ \$280.00

**TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =**

\$ 890.00

Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement  
must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).**SUBTOTAL =**

\$ 890.00

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months  
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**TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =**

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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any  
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b))  
must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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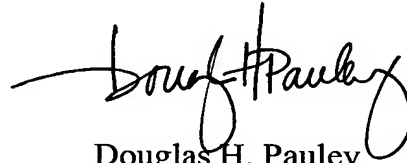
I hereby certify that the following requisites of the subject U.S. Patent Application are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee No. EL859244702US, on 11 January 2002, and is addressed to Box PCT, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, together with the items listed below.

- Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390) (2 pages), in duplicate
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